

**CH-772**

**1862-1909**

**Tubman Cemetery**

**Pomonkey vic.**

**Private**

The Tubman Cemetery is a relatively large, ornate and well-preserved example of a family burial site in Charles County. Located near the Maryland, the cemetery contains ten tombstones surrounded by an iron gate and measures approximately 25 x 60 feet. The stones range in age from 1862-1909. The site includes several excellent examples of the types of markers found in burial plots of the 19th century including simple rounded tablets common during the mid- to late 19th century, the more ornate tablet with carved icons of the latter 19th century, and finally the obelisk common in the late 19th - early 20th century. The site is associated with Plank Bridge Farm (CH-117), and also Plank Bridge Farm Corn Crib and Barn (CH-174) as one of several parcels assembled by the Tubman family in the 19th century. The Tubman's were merchants in the nearby village of Pomonkey.

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historic	Tubman Cemetery
other	

street and number	E. Side Ray Drive	_____	not for publication
city, town	Pomfret	<u>X</u>	vicinity
county	Charles		

name	Ann G. Ray				
street and number	8 Pine St.			telephone	unknown
city, town	Indian Head	state	MD	zip code	20640

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Charles County Courthouse	tax map and parcel:	12 p. 363
city, town	La Plata	liber	516 folio 302

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report  
☐ Other

Category		Ownership		Current Function		Resource Count	
						Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/>	district	<input type="checkbox"/>	public	<input type="checkbox"/>	agriculture		
<input type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private	<input type="checkbox"/>	commerce/trade		<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	both	<input type="checkbox"/>	defense		<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	site			<input type="checkbox"/>	domestic	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	object			<input type="checkbox"/>	education	<u>10</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	funerary	<u>11</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
				<input type="checkbox"/>	government		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	health care		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	industry		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	landscape		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	recreation/culture		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	religion		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	social		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	transportation		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	work in progress		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	unknown		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	vacant/not in use		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	other:		
						<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
						0	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Tubman Cemetery is located on the south side of Pomfret Road near the Maryland Airport. Although the site is zoned commercial, it is currently undeveloped. The site is a well-preserved and maintained family burial plot containing ten tombstones surrounded by an iron gate. The cemetery stands in a sparsely wooded area not far from an open field to the west. Measuring approximately 25 x 60 feet, the cemetery has three small cedar trees and is covered with an ample amount of periwinkle. The stones range in age from 1862-1909. The site is dominated by a large obelisk inscribed Benjamin and Sarah Tubman. Most markers include footstones.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1862-1909

Architect/Builder n/a

Construction dates 1862-1909

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 34.8629

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name Port Tobacco

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 12, Parcel 363. It is parcel 8 on plat 38/6.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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date 5/19/2003

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

TUBMAN CEMETERY

Route 227, Pomfret

Tubman Farm, dirt road on right at top of Tubman Hill,  
back two miles, third road on the left

10 tombstones

Transcribed May 30, 1979 by Michael Mazzeo, Susan Shaffer, W. Preston Williams

FREEMAN

To the memory of Mary E., beloved wife of E.M. Freeman  
born Apr. 22, 1857 died March 8, 1883, Thy will be done

MOORE

In memory of Marcus A. Moore born in Maine, July 26, 1820 died  
Aug. 26, 1862

TUBMAN

Sacred to the memory of Benjamin Tubman born July 4, 1824  
died May 3, 1895, Thy will be done

Sacred to the memory of Sarah E. Tubman born Feb. 23, 1831  
died Mch. 26, 1903 Alseep in Jesus

Benjamin Tubman Feb. 5, 1869 Dec. 30, 1909, Thy day has come, not gone

Sacred to the Memory of Ellen R. Tubman born April 2, 1860  
died May 6, 1864 SUNKEN

In memory of G. Magruder Tubman born June 25, 1863 died Sept. 23, 1882

In memory of Mary G. Tubman born June 16, 1786 died June 16, 1874

Richard D. Tubman, son of B.D. & S.E. Tubman, died March 9th 1884,  
in his 25th year

To the memory of Richard T. Tubman born Jan. 7, 1812 died May 17, 1878

In memory of Sarah Ann Thomas born Jan. 7, 1810 died May 17, 1876









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TUBMAN CEMETERY  
PO MONKEY VIC.

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LOOKING NW  
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POMONICE VIC.

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MD SHPO  
LOOKING N

20F4



RICHARD D.

Son of  
E.D. & S.M. Tubman

Died  
March 9th 1884  
Aged 25th years

*Just as I am, without money and without price  
But that thy blood was shed for me  
And that thou hast said I come  
O Lamb of God, I come*

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TUBMAN CEMETERY  
PO MONKEY VIC.

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